

COLLEGEDALE PARKS AND RECREATION VISION STATEMENT

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The Collegedale Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will contribute to community development by promoting recreational land acquisitions along with programs and activities that enhance the quality of life for City residents as well as our visitors' community experience.

This will be done through family-oriented parks and recreational activities using innovative features as well as God's natural beauty.

We intend to:

help individuals reach their potential—ensuring healthy, active and balanced lifestyles as a foundation for productive lives—stimulating holistic growth and development;

serve as "stewards of the environment"—creating environmental awareness and encouraging ecosystem approaches to planning—protecting, preserving and restoring significant natural areas and corridors; enhance community development—contributing to a balance in the community among natural parks, recreation, business and residential development.

We envision that by 2020 Collegedale will:

- be a thoughtfully planned community with walkways leading from most residential areas to the Greenway, which in turn connects with the Chattanooga River Park Walkway and a series of other Chattanooga and Hamilton County walkways—these walkways being available for walking, jogging, and bicycling with small motorized (electric) vehicles allowed for use by physically handicapped people;
- have a series of interconnected parks including the Greenway, Imagination Station, Veterans Memorial Park, the Little Debbie Parkway ball park, and a beautifully landscaped picnic and recreational park on the land between the Veterans Memorial Park and Apison Pike;
- host varied physical recreational activities and programs for residents from childhood through adulthood;
- provide a variety of cultural and educational programs and activities of interest to residents and visitors.